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TOPIC Military Information from Stendal

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REMARKS

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1. On 28 June 1952, a troop train carrying 30 trucks with pontoons [redacted] and a troop train carrying 30 tanks [redacted] for Oebisfelde (M 53/Y 23) passed through the Stendal (M 53/Y 85) railroad station. (1)
2. During the period from 18 to 30 June, the Tauentzien Kaserne on Osterburger Strasse was occupied by a rear detail of 60 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] the unit was stationed in the summer camp in the Jaevenitz area west of Stendal. Only few motor vehicles [redacted] were seen enter [redacted] and leaving the installation.
3. During the period from 7 to 10 June, the Tauentzien Kaserne on Osterburger Strasse was occupied by about 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training activity and only light vehicular traffic [redacted]
4. On 10 and 12 June, the Mindenburg Kaserne on Schiller Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Except for line construction work on the road to Uenglingen, no training activity was observed at the barracks yard or at the training area west of the installation. Firing practices with rifles and submachine guns at the target ranges were held. [redacted]
5. On 13 June, the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne on Friedrich Ebert Strasse was occupied by 100 to 200 troops. The sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Maintenance service was performed on six trucks. [redacted]
6. On 14 June, six prime movers towing 100-mm AT guns were seen moving on the road to the Borstel airfield west of Osterburger Strasse. No training activity was observed in the billeting area or at the airfield. [redacted]

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7. At noon on 12 June, [redacted] loaded with boxes left the ration supply office at the eastern railroad station. (2) 25X1
8. In mid-May, six new, permanent, two-story barracks buildings were under construction in the area of the former Fallschirmjaeger Lager (parachutist camp) north of Pappel Allee. The roofs of two of the buildings were being erected, while masonry work of the other buildings was 50 percent complete. It was rumored that the military hospital in the Hans Schemm Schule on Doerfer Strasse was scheduled to be transferred to these buildings. (3) 25X1

10. At 4 p.m. on 6 June, a troop train carrying 12 x 76-mm guns and trucks [redacted] passed through Stendal and proceeded toward Wittenberge (M 53/Y 69). Source learned [redacted] that other troop trains had passed through Stendal proceeding toward Wittenberge during the night of 5 July. (5) 25X1

11. AA gun emplacements noticed in the Stendal area on 2 June included: one north of the Borstel airfield; one between the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne; and one near the Neues Lager with six 20-mm AA guns and the personnel quartered in 5 large and 7 small tents. Source believed that he also saw light AA guns in the other emplacements. (6)
12. On 10 June, intensive construction work continued at the Neues Lager southeast of the Borstel airfield. One permanent low building was ready to be occupied and the brickwork of other low buildings was completed. (6) Source learned that a major construction project of ferri-concrete was scheduled northwest of the Hindenburg Kaserne on Schiller Strasse. (7)

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- 25X1 [] Comments.
- 25X1 (1) [] the train carried a unit of the 890th Indep
Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps. It is possible that the train came from
Templin where two units of the battalion had gone in one shipment on 8 June 1952.
- 25X1 [] is probable that the train went to Gardslegen, the
military post of the battalion, rather than Gelisfelde in the border zone area.
The second train probably went to the Letzling Heath area.
- (2) The exercises near the military post and in the northern portion of the Letzling Heath
to which units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div are known to have been rotating account for
only the rear detail in the Taubentzien Kaserne and the reduced occupation of Stendal.
- 25X1 [] The wood camp south of Hottendorf near Jaevenitz which was
occupied for the exercises by these units is known from previous information. See
- 25X1 []
- 25X1 (3) [] the area of the former Faltschirmajaeger Lager is north of the
Taubentzien Kaserne.
- 25X1 (4) [] the camp was occupied. Units of the
207th Mtz Rifle Div from Stendal were believed to be stationed there. See
- 25X1 [] reported from Magdeburg and once from 25X1
Ludwigslust. [] the administration for Soviet military missions in
the Soviet Zone of Germany in Potsdam.
- (5) The train carried a unit of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US). []
two trains with units of this division went from Chemnitz to Lustrow on 6 June 1952.
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- (6) The three AA gun emplacements and the construction at the Neues Lager, reported
in paragraph 12, are reported for the first time.
- 25X1 (7) In mid-March 1952, [] reported a scheduled construction project in the
area of the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. [] 25X1

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